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## CAUSE NO. 17-453-D

COASTAL BEND ENTERPRISES LLC, D/B/A 
BIG HOUSE BURGERS AND BIG HOUSE BAR

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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Plaintiff,

VS.

105th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY; BRUSH COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD and MICHAEL COX

Defendants.

KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS

## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES Plaintiff, COASTAL BEND ENTERPRISES, LLC D/B/A BIG HOUSE BURGERS AND BIG HOUSE BAR BQ, and files this Original Petition against Defendants Defendants EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY ("Evanston" or "Insurance Defendant") BRUSH COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD ("Brush Country" or "BCC"), and MICHAEL COX ("Adjuster" or "Cox") and for causes of action would respectfully show the Court the following:

#### I. DISCOVERY LEVEL

Pursuant to Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 3.

#### H. VENUE

Venue is appropriate in Kleberg County, Texas because all or part of the conduct giving rise to the causes of action were committed in Kleberg County, Texas and the Plaintiff and the properties which is the subject of this suit are located in Kleberg County, Texas.

#### III. PARTIES

Plaintiff, COASTAL BEND ENTERPRISES, LLC D/B/A BIG HOUSE BURGERS AND BIG HOUSE BAR BQ is company operating in Kingsville, Kleberg, County, Texas.

Defendants EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY is in the business of insurance in the State of Texas. The insurance business done by Evanston Insurance Company in Texas includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- The making and issuing of contracts of insurance with the Plaintiff;
- The taking or receiving of application for insurance, including the Plaintiff's application for insurance;
- The receiving or collection of premiums, commissions, membership fees, assessments, dues or other consideration for any insurance or any part thereof, including any such consideration or payments from the Plaintiff; and
- The issuance or delivery of contracts of insurance to residents of this state or a person authorized to do business in this state, including the Plaintiff.

Defendants, EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY, may be cited with process by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to the Commissioner of Insurance, c/o David Mattax, at 333 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701. The Commissioner is requested to serve Evanston Insurance Company via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to the agent of service for Evanston Insurance Company at the address listed with the Texas Department of Insurance, 10 Parkway North, Deerfield, IL 60015 or such other address on file with the Commissioner of Insurance.

Defendants, BRUSH COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD, engages in the business of insurance in Texas and may be served with process by serving its registered agent of service via certified mail, return receipt requested, to Richard W. Myers, 508 Cedar Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628.

Defendants, MICHAEL COX, is engaged in the business of insurance adjusting and may be cited with process of service via certified mail, return receipt requested, at his last known business address at P.O. Box 8246, Corpus Christi, TX 78468.

## IV. NATURE OF THE CASE; RELIEF SOUGHT

This is a first-party insurance case stemming from extensive damage to Plaintiff's places of business and its contents caused by wind, water and hail damage. Plaintiff seeks damages for, breach of contract, violations of the Texas Insurance Code, and common law bad faith. Plaintiff also seeks its attorney's fees, statutory penalties, costs of court and pre- and post-judgment interest. As required by Rule 47 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 at this time. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this statement as discovery and its investigation continue.

#### V. BACKGROUND FACTS

Plaintiff owns Big House Burgers and Big House Bar BQ located at 2209 S. Brahma Blvd, Kingsville, Texas and 109 S. Highway 77 Bypass, Kingsville, Texas. The Policy covered the properties, its contents, and the loss of business income, against loss by wind, hail and storm damage among other perils. Defendant provided coverage to the Plaintiff for such buildings, properties, and other matters under insurance policies described above

As the consequence of a storm on May 31, 2016. Plaintiff's properties sustained extensive hail and water related damage to the exterior and interior. Plaintiff has performed all conditions precedent to its recovery under the Policy.

Plaintiff gave timely notice to the carrier.

The carrier assigned the claim to the adjuster, among others, to investigate, report on and adjust the loss.

Plaintiffs provided information to the adjuster and opportunities for the adjuster to inspect the properties.

The Defendant failed and refused to pay Plaintiff in accordance with their promises under the Policy.

Plaintiff has suffered property damage which has not been paid, even though the amounts are well-established and have been provided to Evanston.

Evanston has failed to make an attempt to settle Plaintiff's claim in a fair manner, although its liability to Plaintiff under the Policy is without dispute. This conduct is in violation of Tex. Ins. Code Sec. 541.060(a)(2)(A).

Evanston refused to fully compensate Plaintiff under the terms of the Policy even though Evanston failed to conduct a reasonable investigation. Evanston performed a result-oriented investigation of Plaintiff's claim which resulted in an unfair, biased and inequitable evaluation of Plaintiff's losses. This conduct is in violation of Tex. Ins. Code Sec. 541,060(a)(7).

Evanston failed to accept or deny Plaintiff's full and entire claim within the time period mandated by statute. This conduct is a violation of Tex. Ins. Code Sec. 542.056.

Evanston failed to meet its obligation under the Texas Insurance Code regarding payment of the claim without delay. This conduct is in violation of Tex. Ins. Code Sec. 542.058.

Plaintiff cooperated with Evanston yet Evanston made duplicative and unreasonable requests in order to delay paying Plaintiff for the covered damages from the storm. Evanston breached the policy of insurance by failing to pay for the covered damages to the properties. In addition, Plaintiff seeks extra-contractual damages from Evanston for their handling of the claim. Plaintiff provided Evanston with more than adequate information to determine coverage.

The Defendant and the adjuster forced Plaintiff to file this suit by offering substantially less than the amount of covered damages. This conduct violates Texas Insurance Code § 542.003(b)(5) and 28 TAC § 21.203(5).

The Insurance Defendants failed to meet its obligation under the Texas Insurance Code regarding payment of the claim without delay. This conduct is a violation of Tex. Ins. Code Sec. 542.058.

Plaintiff asserts claims for declaratory judgment, breach of contract, violations of the Texas Insurance Code and bad faith relating to the loss to the Properties. Plaintiff owns and/or is an insured on the Properties.

#### VI. CLAIMS AGAINST EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY

<u>Declaratory Judgment.</u> Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, Chapter 37. Plaintiff seeks a declaration that the Policy provides coverage for the cost to repair the damaged properties, less only a deductible, among other things. In the alternative, Plaintiff asserts that the Policy is ambiguous and must be interpreted in favor of coverage and against the Defendant.

Breach of Contract. Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. The acts and omissions of Evanston and its agents constitute a breach of Evanston's contract with Plaintiff. Plaintiff has satisfied all conditions precedent to the fulfillment of their contractual demands. The damage to Plaintiff's properties caused by the storm is covered under the policy issued by Evanston and Evanston has failed to pay for all covered damage. Accordingly, additionally or in the alternative, Plaintiff brings an action for breach of contract against Evanston pursuant to Texas statutory and common law, including Chapter 38 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and seeks all

of its damages for such breach, including actual damages, consequential damages, attorneys' fees, prejudgment interest, other litigation expenses and costs of court.

Violations of the Texas Insurance Code. Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. At all pertinent times, Evanston was engaged in the business of insurance as defined by the Texas Insurance Code. The acts and omissions of Evanston and its agents constitute one or more violations of the Texas Insurance Code. Specifically, Evanston failed to conduct a reasonable investigation and timely and fully pay Plaintiff for the damage to its properties. Instead of evaluating the damage objectively, Evanston, through its agents, looked for ways to underpay Plaintiff's claim. Evanston's conduct described herein violates the following provisions of the Texas Insurance Code:

- 1. Insurance Code chapter 542, the Prompt Payment Act.
- 2. Insurance Code § 542.003(b)(5) and 28 TAC § 21.203.
- 3. Insurance Code chapter 541, section 541.060 by, among other things:
  - failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of a claim with respect to which their liability has become reasonably clear;
  - failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of a claim under one portion of a policy with respect to which liability has become reasonably clear in order to influence Plaintiff to settle its claim with respect to another portion of the policy;
  - refusing to pay Plaintiff's claim without conducting a reasonable investigation.

Where statements were made by the Insurance Company. Plaintiff reasonably relied upon them. As a result of the foregoing conduct, which was and is the producing cause(s) of injury and damage to Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered damages including, without limitation, actual damages, economic damages, and consequential damages. Moreover, one or more of the foregoing acts or omissions

were "knowingly" made, entitling Plaintiff to seek treble damages pursuant to the Insurance Code. EVANSTON has also violated the Prompt Payment Act, and Plaintiff seeks 18% damages as a penalty, plus reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred as a result of these violations.

Common Law Bad Faith. Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. EVANSTON has refused to pay or delayed in paying a claim after liability has become reasonably clear. EVANSTON has refused to pay, delayed in paying or offered grossly inadequate and unconscionable sums to settle the claims submitted by Plaintiff. This constitutes a breach of its common law duty of good faith and fair dealing' i.e., it is acting in "bad faith."

Moreover, EVANSTON has "investigated" and "adjusted" Plaintiff's claim in a malicious, intentional, fraudulent and/or grossly negligent fashion, and Plaintiff is entitled to extra-contractual damages, including exemplary damages. Plaintiff has sustained serious damage to its properties as a result of EVANSTON's refusal to honor the Policy. EVANSTON is well aware that its actions involve an extreme risk that Plaintiff will suffer financial damage as a result of its refusal to honor its obligations, yet it is consciously indifferent to Plaintiff's rights. Plaintiff is entitled to recover its actual damages, consequential damages, punitive damages, and pre-and post-judgment interest.

Attorney's fees. Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. Plaintiff has been required to engage the services of the undersigned attorneys and have agreed to pay their attorneys a reasonable fee for services expended and to be expended in the prosecution of their claims against the Insurance Defendants through the trial court and all levels of the appellate process. Plaintiff seeks the recovery of all of its attorney's fees and expenses.

With respect to all causes of action asserted herein, Plaintiff seeks the recovery of prejudgment and post-judgment interest.

VII. CLAIMS AGAINST BRUSH COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD AND MICHAEL COX

<u>Violations of the Texas Insurance Code.</u> Plaintiff re-alleges the foregoing paragraphs. At all pertinent times, Brush Country and Cox were engaged in the business of insurance as defined by the Texas Insurance Code. The acts and omissions of Brush Country, Cox and their agents constitute one or more violations of the Texas Insurance Code. More specifically, Brush Country and Cox, among other violations, violated the following provisions of the Code:

- 1. Insurance Code chapter 541, section 541.060 by, among other things:
- misrepresenting one or more material facts and/or policy provisions relating to coverage;
- failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of
  a claim with respect to which their liability has become reasonably clear;
- failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of
  a claim under one portion of a policy with respect to which liability has become
  reasonably clear in order to influence Plaintiff to settle his claim with respect to another
  portion of the policy;
- failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation of the basis in law or fact for the denial of Plaintiff's claims;
- refusing to affirm or deny coverage within a reasonable time; and/or
- refusing to pay Plaintiff's claim without conducting a reasonable investigation.

The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein. The Insurance Defendant assigned the loss and the claim to Brush Country and Cox who were at all pertinent times the agents of the Insurance Defendant, through both actual and apparent authority. The acts, representations and omissions of Brush Country and Cox are attributed to the Insurance Defendant.

Despite having been assigned the claim, and despite being given authority and instructions to inspect, adjust and evaluate the claim, Brush Country and Cox failed and refused to adjust the claim properly. Brush Country and Cox failed to inspect the property and the damages, failed to request information, failed to fully investigate the claim, failed to respond to requests for

information from Plaintiff, failed to timely evaluate the claim, failed to timely estimate the claim, and, failed to timely and properly report to the Insurance Defendant and make recommendations to the Insurance Defendant.

Plaintiff provided information regarding the loss and the claim to Brush Country and Cox. Plaintiff allowed Brush Country and Cox full and complete access to the property. Plaintiff provided sufficient information to Brush Country and Cox to adjust and evaluate the loss. Plaintiff made inquiries regarding the status of the loss and payment. Brush Country and Cox failed and refused to respond to the inquiries and failed to properly adjust the claim and the loss. As a result, to this date, Plaintiff has not received full payment for the claim.

Brush Country and Cox's actions were reckless, willful and intentional, and were the proximate and producing cause of damages to the Insured.

Where statements were made by the Brush Country and Cox, Plaintiff reasonably relied upon them. As a result of the foregoing conduct, which was and is the producing cause(s) of injury and damage to Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered damages including, without limitation, actual damages, economic damages, and consequential damages. Moreover, one or more of the foregoing acts or omissions were "knowingly" made, entitling Plaintiff to seek treble damages pursuant to the Insurance Code.

Upon information and belief, Evanston Insurance Company relied solely on the Brush Country and Cox's estimate and recommendations in making payment on Plaintiff's claim. Specifically, Brush Country and Cox recommended that the Insurance Defendant pay the property damage portion of Plaintiff's claim to Plaintiff's mortgage company and deny Plaintiff's claims for business interruption and business personal property damage based on the Protective Safeguards endorsement and Mortgage holders clause of the policy. Without conducting a

reasonable investigation, and with the knowledge that no automatic sprinkler system ever existed at Plaintiff's property, Brush Country and Cox recommended denial of portions of Plaintiff's claim.

Brush Country and Cox were responsible for scoping, adjusting, and estimating the claim. Brush Country and Cox's failure to properly scope and estimate the loss directly led to the underpayment of Plaintiff's claim. Likewise, Brush Country and Cox's inadequate investigation lead to their recommendation to deny portions of Plaintiff's claim. As a result of Brush Country and Cox's conduct, the Insurance Defendant significantly underpaid the claim.

#### VIII. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

All conditions precedent for Plaintiff to recover under the Policy has been or will be met.

#### IX. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff requests that a jury be convened to try the factual issues in this action.

## X. REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiff requests that Defendants provide the information required in a Request for Disclosure.

## XI. REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY

Produce complete claim file for Plaintiff's properties relating to or arising out of any damage which occurred.

Produce the complete underwriting file for Plaintiff's properties which is the subject of this suit.

Produce all emails, notes, and other forms of communication between Evanston, its agents, Adjusters, employees, or representatives relating to, mentioning, concerning or evidencing the Plaintiff's properties which are the subject of this suit.

Produce the underwriting file, application for insurance and any notes, logs, statements or inspections created or produced during the application process of the Policy at issue in this suit.

Produce any and all documents that show, state, or otherwise evidence any statement made by, or on behalf of Plaintiff, that a fire suppression system was, or had ever been, installed at Plaintiff's Properties.

#### XII. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks the following relief:

- A. The Court's declaration that the Policy provides coverage for the damage to the properties, less only a deductible;
- B. Alternatively, a ruling that the Policy is ambiguous and must be interpreted in favor of coverage and in favor of Plaintiff;
- C. Damages against Defendant Evanston Insurance Company for breach of contract, including actual damages, consequential damages, attorneys' fees, pre- and post-judgment interest, other litigation expenses and costs of court;
- D. Damages against the Defendants for Insurance Code and extra-contractual claims including actual, exemplary and/or treble damages;
  - E. Penalty in the amount of 18% damages for violations of the Prompt Payment Act;
  - F. Attorneys' Fees;
  - G. Any other relief to which Plaintiff would be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original record on file in my office. Given under my hand and seal of the bourt at my office in Kingsville, Texas, this

JENNIFER L. WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK

CLERK OF THE COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFF

JENNIFER WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK

P.O. Box 312

Kingsville, Texas 78364-0312

MATTHEW R PEARSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW

425 SOLEDAD, SUITE 600

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

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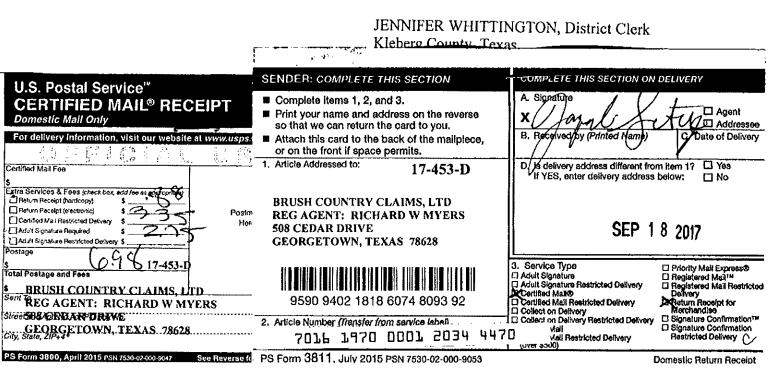
in the 105<sup>th</sup> District Court of Kleberg County, Texas there was mailed by United States Certified Mail, deliver to Addressee Only, Return Receipt Requested a true copy of AFFIDAVIT AND PROOF OF MAILING-FILING OF AN ORIGINAL PETITION with a copy of the Citation in said Cause to:

BRUSH COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD REG AGENT: RICHARD W MYERS 508 CEDAR DRIVE GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78628

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I further certify that attached hereto is the return receipt for said document.

This the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2017



## STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KLEBERG

STRICT COURT

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original record on file in my office. Given under my hand and seat of the court at my office in Kingsville, Texas, this

JENNIFER L. WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK

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CLERK OF THE COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFF JENNIFER WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK MATTHEW R PEARSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. Box 312 425 SOLEDAD, SUITE 600 Kingsville, Texas 78364-0312 SAN ANTONIO TEXAS 78205 THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default iudgment may be taken against you." To: EVANSTON INSURANCE CO, by serving Commissioner of Insurance c/o David Mattax with Process to be forwarded to EVANSTON INSURANCE CO with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE **10 PARKWAY NORTH** DEERFIELD, IL 60015 Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's \_\_\_\_\_ PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable District Court, 105th District of Kleberg County, Texas, at the Court house of said County in Kingsville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on the 1st day of September. 2017 in this case, numbered 17-453-D on the docket of said court and styled. COASTAL BEND ENTERPRISES LLC DBA BIG HOUSE BURGERS AND BIG HOUSE BAR OUE **EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY: BRUSH** COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD AND MICHAEL COX The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION accompanying this citation and made a part hereof. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Kingsville, Texas, this the 7th day of September, 2017. **IENNIFER WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK** KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS

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EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY by serving COMMISSIONER OF INS C/O DAVID MATTAX with process to be forwarded to EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY 10 PARKWAY NORTH DEERFIELD, IL 60015

I further certify that attached hereto is the return receipt for said document.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original record on file in my office. Given under my hand and seal of the court at my office in Kingsville, Texas, this

JENNIGER L. WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK

CLERK OF THE COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFF JENNIFER WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK MATTHEW R PEARSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. Box 312 425 SOLEDAD, SUITE 600 Kingsville, Texas 78364-0312 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205 THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." To: MICHAEL COX P.O. BOX 8246 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78468 Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable District Court, 105th District of Kleberg County, Texas, at the Court house of said County in Kingsville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on the 1st day of September. 2017 in this case, numbered 17-453-D on the docket of said court and styled, COASTAL BEND ENTERPRISES LLC DBA BIG HOUSE BURGERS AND BIG HOUSE BAR QUE **EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY; BRUSH** COUNTRY CLAIMS, LTD AND MICHAEL COX The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION accompanying this citation and made a part hereof. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Kingsville, Texas, this the 7th day of September, 2017.

JENNIFER WHITTINGTON, DISTRICT CLERK KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS

By Amelia Carbajal, Deputy Clerk

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifi	es that on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 in
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in the 105<sup>th</sup> District Court of Kleberg County, Texas there was mailed by United States Certified Mail, deliver to Addressee Only, Return Receipt Requested a true copy of AFFIDAVIT AND PROOF OF MAILING-FILING OF AN ORIGINAL PETITION with a copy of the Citation in said Cause to:

MICHAEL COX P.O. BOX 8246 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78468

I further certify that attached hereto is the return receipt for said document.

This the 25 day of September, 2017

JENNIFER WHITTINGTON, District Clerk Kleberg County, Texas

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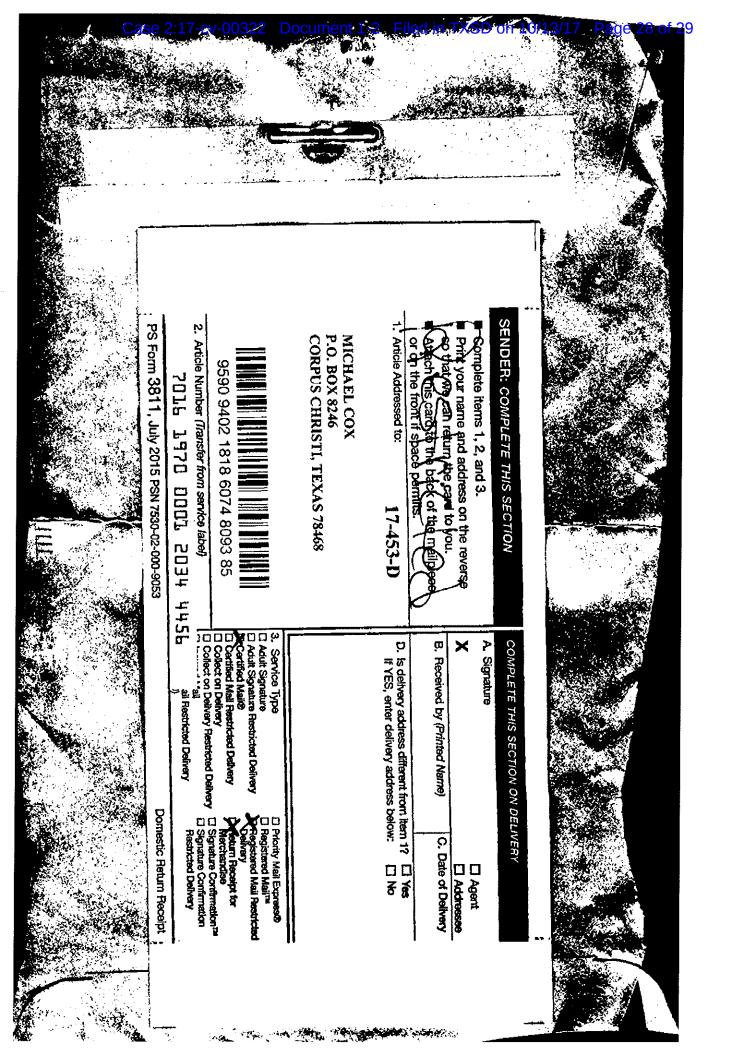
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